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FOR TRIAL AT OLD BAILEY

GRAVE CHARGES AGAINST ST. PETER'S MAN

The hearing of a case against a St. Peter's farm labourer, described by Mr. Eric Weale, county prosecuting solicitor, as one of the filthiest of its kind, occupied the attention of the Cinque Ports magistrates at Margate for some hours on Monday.

Leslie Robert Bowles, aged 21, of Westover-road, St. Peter's, was charged on four counts with indecent assaults on boys between the ages of 10 and 14 and there was a fifth charge alleging indecency of a different nature.

Bowles was committed for trial at the Old Bailey, bail being refused.

Mr. Weale said it was alleged that defendant had been molesting and interfering with young boys who lived or worked in the vicinity. The alleged offences had been committed in fields, houses and an air raid shelter. None of the boys appeared to have complained and in some instances the offence was alleged to have happened not once, but dozens of times. Since inquiries were instituted, fresh cases kept coming to light.

"What is deplorable," added Mr. Weale, "is that these boys are at a very impressionable age, and you never know what the effect will be on their mental outlook in years to come."

Four boys gave evidence of the alleged conduct of Bowles towards them on various dates since 1940, and a farm worker described what he saw when he went to a cowshed at Callis Grange Farm, St. Peter's, where accused was working, on three occasions between 1939 and October, 1942.

D/C Self, K.C.C., stationed at Broadstairs, said on 13th February defendant came to Broadstairs police station in response to a request and witness interviewed him in the presence of Inspr. Hann and D/S Chamberlain. He was told that certain inquiries were being made in regard to his conduct with young boys and he said "Yes. I know that." He then made a statement in which he admitted certain conduct with several boys. On 4th March witness again saw him at the police station and told him he had a warrant for his arrest. Witness also told him he was investigating other allegations, which he specified, and accused replied "No. No. Not that." He afterwards made a statement in which he made an admission.

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ROBBED HIS GRANDMOTHER

MONEY HIDDEN IN STOCKING

A 15-year-old boy told the magistrates at Ramsgate juvenile court on Monday that he left his home at Bristol and came by train to Ramsgate because his father had spoken to him about being out late at night.

The boy was accused of stealing the sum of 9s. from an electric light meter at the home of his grandmother in Ramsgate, between 11th and 14th March.

D/C Oram told the bench that he called at the boy's grandmother's house on 14th March in connection with another matter and was informed that the electric light meter had been broken open. He later saw the boy, who said "Yes, I broke it open and had the money."

In a statement which he afterwards made at the police station the boy said he came from Bristol to Ramsgate on 11th March and went to his grandmother's house at 3.30 a.m. He could not make anyone hear but found the front area door open and went in. He had been at the house for about a quarter of an hour when the policeman who had seen him at the railway station called and took particulars of his identity card. He then went to bed.

Forced Electric Meter.

During the morning he went out with his brother and when he returned found that his grandmother was out. He got a small poker from the kitchen, broke the lock off the electric light meter and took the money. There were five shilling pieces, which he spent.

"On Saturday," the statement continued, "I was taken to the police station by D/C Oram and he questioned me about the gas and electric light meters at my home in Bristol. I later made a statement to him telling him I had broken the meters open and had taken the money. I was asked by D/C Oram if I had done anything else and I told him 'No.' I did not tell him I had done the electric light meter at my grandmother's house.

"After leaving the police station on Saturday evening I went to my grandmother's house and she was in bed. I took the key from her bedroom door and went downstairs to a room on the ground floor and undid the door with the key. I had a look round and found a Gladstone bag under the bed. I undid this and found a black leather case with a bank book and some £1 and 10s. notes in it. I took five £1 notes and three 10s. notes and put them in my wallet."

Locked Room.

Continuing his statement, the boy said D/C Oram called at the house on Sunday morning to take him to the railway station to send him back to Bristol. His grandmother told D/C Oram that she had lost some money from a bag which she kept in a locked room upstairs. He told the police officer that he did not have the money but later produced the wallet and the money from his stocking.

In conclusion he said "I forgot to tell D/C Oram on Saturday that I took a bike from the works at Bristol and rode home on it, leaving it at home. I thought it was my brother's bike."

The boy told the magistrates that he took the money to get a railway ticket back to Bristol.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry): It is a very dirty trick to steal from your grandmother.

Adjourning the case until next Tuesday, the magistrates ordered the boy to be sent to a remand home.

COSTLY VISIT

WOMEN WHO WERE WARNED

Fines of £5 each were imposed by Margate magistrates on Monday on two married women, Doris Constance Jones, aged 21, of Southend, and Ivy Rose Wright, aged 23, of Westcliff-on-Sea, who were summoned for entering a defence area for the purpose of pleasure.

It was stated that the women had previously been warned about being in the area.

The Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said the women arrived on the last train, when it was dark, and evaded the railway officials and police officer at the station by remaining on the platform and emerging after the station had been closed for business. He said there was too much of that conduct going on.

Wright, added the Chief Constable, had £21 in her possession, which he understood was part of the proceeds of the sale of some of her furniture. Jones was without money. Jones' husband was serving in the Navy and Wright's husband was in the R.A.F. It was stated that Jones had been living apart from her husband.

Announcing the decision of the bench, the Mayor (Councillor F. J. Cornford) said it was a serious case. "You have been warned before for being in the area and knew the regulations," he said, "yet you come here again, for what purpose we can only guess. You knew perfectly well that you had no business here. If either of you come here again you will be sentenced to a term of imprisonment without the option of a fine."

Wright paid both fines.

CIGARETTE CAUSED HER DEATH

WOMAN SUFFOCATED IN BEDROOM

A theory that an 80-year-old woman met her death by suffocation as a result of smoking in bed was accepted by the Acting Margate Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) at an inquest on Monday.

The woman was Sarah Ann Mealing, believed to be a single woman with no relatives, who occupied a room at 7 Alma-place.

It is thought that deceased fell asleep while smoking and that the cigarette ignited the bed. She was overcome by the smoke and was suffocated.

The Coroner returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

Mrs. Clara Harlow, of 7 Alma-place, Margate, a widow, said deceased occupied one room at the house. As a rule she got up at nine o'clock in the morning, but as witness did not see her on Friday she knocked on her door. There was no answer, and when she tried to open the door she found it was locked and the handle was hot.

Door Forced.

She called Mrs. King, a neighbour, who opened the window of the room from the outside and smoke came out. The black-out was still up. Shortly afterwards a man arrived and burst open the door of the room. The space under the door was wedegd up because deceased thought mice came into the room. Deceased was a very heavy cigarette smoker.

Dr. G. Simpson, who carried out a post-mortem examination, said he found surface burns on the back. He came to the conclusion that death was due to asphyxiation caused by the inhalation of smoke and accelerated by the shock of the burns.

He thought deceased was lying in bed smoking a cigarette when she probably went to sleep, the cigarette falling on to the mattress, causing it to smoulder. The smoke stupefied her and as the burning reached her back she no doubt roused, sat up and swung her legs round and then collapsed, falling on the side of the bed. There was no ventilation in the room.

James Francis Clifford, of Byron-avenue, Margate, a dockyard labourer, said he found smoke coming from a ground floor window. The door of the room was locked and he broke it open. Inside he saw deceased on the edge of the bed with her feet on the floor and her head lying on the bed as though she had fallen sideways. The mattress was smouldering and the room full of smoke. He carried deceased out into the passage and she appeared to be dead.

Smouldering Bedding.

Col. Off. John Hedley Smith, of the National Fire Service, said he went to the house with fire appliances and saw smoke coming from a window on the ground floor. Deceased was lying in the passage covered with coats. Bedding in the room was smouldering and firemen took it out through the window. Deceased's body was of normal temperature but breathing had ceased, so he commenced artificial respiration. Later the police and ambulance men arrived and deceased was moved to the rear of the house, where artificial respiration was resumed.

The Coroner said in the circumstances nobody but deceased could have set light to her bed. The room seemed to have been as hermetically sealed as it could have been. He thought the doctor's reconstruction of what happened was probably correct—that deceased dropped off to sleep while smoking and became suffocated by the smoke from the smouldering mattress, ignited by the cigarette. She apaprently roused and tried to get out of bed, but collapsed.

ALDERMAN'S GRANDSON KILLED

Mr. and Mrs. H. Lovelady, of Liverpool, have been informed of the death on active service of their son, Sgt. Douglas Lovelady, R.A.F.

Mrs. Lovelady is the youngest daughter of Alderman T. W. Mockridge, Deputy Mayor of Ramsgate, and left the town at the end of the last war.

Douglas entered the R.A.F. from school and was 19 years old.

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Sunday	... 7.43 p.m.—6.30 a.m.
Monday	... 7.45 p.m.—6.28 a.m.

FIREMAN'S FALSE PRETENCES

Ramsgate Man Heavily Fined

DREW SUBSISTENCE AND LIVED AT HOME

"This is as bad a case of obtaining money by false pretences as can be imagined," said Mr. F. J. R. Mountain, prosecuting for the N.F.S. at Canterbury police court, on Friday, in a case in which Victor Leopold Hufflett, of King-street, Ramsgate, a member of the N.F.S. stationed at Canterbury, pleaded guilty to obtaining £3 13s 6d. by false pretences from Raymond R. Sutton, Divisional Finance Officer, at Canterbury, on 23rd August.

Hufflett was defended by Mr. A. K. Mowll.

Mr. Mountain said defendant was a conscripted fireman and was in a position to obtain a certificate entitling him to subsistence allowance and he did so. On 17th July instructions in writing were received by all company officers from the divisional officer that the Home Office had decided that a man who returned home on his off-duty days on the 48-24 hours duty basis could no longer be regarded as living away from home and was therefore not eligible for the allowance. That notice was posted up and brought to the notice of all members.

Monthly Declaration.

Defendant had, in fact, made a statement that he did return home on off-duty days and was maintaining a wife and home at 8 King-street, Ramsgate. Later he stated that as his petrol allowance had ceased he would no longer be able to make the journey and that he stayed at 4 The Parade, Canterbury, and on that it was decided to pay him subsistence allowance. At monthly intervals he signed a declaration that there had been no change in those circumstances. As a result of that false pretence he obtained the sum mentioned in the charge and on subsequent dates other sums, making the aggregate £10 10s.

Mr. Mountain said it transpired that defendant never stayed at 4 The Parade. In a statement he admitted that and said he went home every night, which cost him a good deal more than staying in Canterbury. Apart from that, on 31st December, after the payments had been stopped, he made application for travelling allowances and incidental expenses for between 20th November and 4th December of 19s. 4½d., which, Mr. Mountain suggested, was wanting to ride on the roundabouts and swings at the same time.

Suspicions Aroused.

James H. Palmer, Area Finance Officer, N.F.S., said that suspicions were aroused when it was brought to their notice that defendant had made application for a petrol ration at a time when he was supposed to be staying in Canterbury. Enquiries were made at 4 The Parade, as a result of which it was ascertained that defendant had never stopped there.

Harold B. Sly, manager of Walkley and Co., of 4 The Parade, Canterbury, said Hufflett was an old friend and witness told him he could stop there and that there was always a bed at his disposal. He was not intentionally misleading but he did not understand what the N.F.S. officers were driving at when they saw him. He could not remember saying that defendant had stayed the night.

Witness agreed that he made a statement to Inspr. Port in which he said that he knew Hufflett as a customer. He had not made any specific agreement with him to say to anybody who called that Hufflett stayed with him. Defendant asked if he could stay with him and he agreed, but he had not stayed there.

Mr. Mowll complained that Mr. Mountain had, in his view, opened the case far too strongly. From the time his client joined the N.F.S. until it was stopped on 5th December he had been drawing the same sum every week except for a period when he was ill—£1 4s 6d. a week. At first it was as a subsistence allowance because he was travelling to and fro from Ramsgate and it was costing him a good deal more per week than if he had been living in Canterbury. He was quite willing to return the £10 10s.

Best of a Bad Case.

What happened was that defendant thought that the sums he was receiving from July onwards was subsistence money, but by some Government regulation he was in July actually and suddenly deprived of £1 4s. 6d. a week. He did not know he was doing wrong and had done what he had quite innocently. He was always staying with Mr. Sly at 4 The Parade, even if he was not actually sleeping there. His declaration that there had been no change in his circumstances was, of course, right, because they were exactly the same.

Inspr. Port stated that defendant was 42 and had served in the Merchant Navy, been a Woolworth's manager, a licensee and a hardware dealer and had done a good deal of voluntary hospital work. At that court in May, 1942, he was discharged under the Probation of Offenders' Act for receiving stolen petrol.

The Chairman (Mr. Silas Williamson) said Mr. Mowll had made the best of a bad case, but Hufflett had pleaded guilty to defrauding the Government and making false statements. He would be fined £10, with £3 3s. costs, and would have to repay the £10 10s. A month was allowed for payment, or in default three months' imprisonment.

Defendant said he would pay that day if he were allowed to fetch his cheque book.

RAMSGATE WINGS FOR VICTORY WEEK

(8th to 15th May)

Model Aircraft Competition

Entries are invited for a MODEL AIRCRAFT COMPETITION to form part of the Exhibition in Ramsgate Wings for Victory Week

The Competition will be in three Sections and prizes in National Savings Certificates will be awarded in each Section

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Models must be made from designs which will be supplied by Ramsgate Wings for Victory Week Committee and these, together with full details of the Competition and entry forms, may be obtained at the Ramsgate Savings Centre, King Street, which is open daily between the hours of 10.30 and 12 and 2.30 and 4, on and after Monday, 22nd March

Woman on Looting Charge

ALLEGED THEFT AT BROADSTAIRS

A footprint and a laundry mark were among the clues which led to the appearance at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday, of Mrs. Grace May Cacknell, aged 25, of Linden-avenue, Broadstairs.

She was charged with breaking and entering Linden Cottage, Linden-avenue, on 18th February, and stealing articles to the value of £10 13s. 10d., the property of Mrs. Ada Lilian Howard. There was a further charge of looting at the premises.

Defendant, who nursed a baby throughout the hearing, was committed for trial at Dover Quarter Sessions, bail being allowed.

Mrs. Ada Lilian Howard, of Byron-road, North Wembley, said up to June, 1940, she was living at Linden Cottage. She visited the house on 19th February and found a number of articles missing. Two days later she was shown most of the articles by the police.

D/C Self, K.C.C., said that on 19th February he went to Linden Cottage and outside were several footprints apparently made by a woman's shoes. A small fanlight at the front of the house was closed but insecure. Inside the house several articles of linen bore the laundry mark 0199.

The following morning he went to defendant's house and told her inquiries were being made regarding the theft of articles from Linden Cottage. She denied all knowledge of the matter. W/R/C Gayler handed witness a dirty linen table cloth bearing the laundry mark 10199. Witness drew defendant's attention to it and she again denied all knowledge of the matter, saying the laundry must have delivered it to her in error.

Making a further search at Linden Cottage, witness found a piece of linen with the mark 10199.

Later defendant said to him "I admit getting into the house. The property is here in the attic." Articles were recovered from the attic and defendant also handed over a teapot and crockery. She said "I wanted the cot because baby had nowhere to sleep."

The officer read a statement made by defendant in which she said she opened the fanlight at Linden Cottage, undid the window catch and went in. She took a number of articles but not all those mentioned in the charge.

The statement continued: "My Army allotment has stopped because my book was lost about four weeks ago, and the matter is being inquired into by the Labour Exchange, who now allow me £2 10s. a week. The baby never had a cot to sleep in and the other property I intended selling to get money for my children and also to pay the rent. I am very sorry for all the trouble I have caused. My husband is in India in the Army."

As stated, defendant was committed for trial.

CHURCH SERVICES

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BOROUGH OF RAMSGATE

Maternity and Child Welfare Sub-Committee

FOSTER MOTHERS

IT has been brought to the notice of the Medical Officer of Health that certain women in the Borough have been assuming the duties of temporary Foster Mothers in respect of young children whose mothers have been evacuated under the Government Scheme.

All persons who propose to take children under 9 years of age for reward even if only for a short period are reminded of their obligation under The Public Health Act, 1936. This Act requires that notice in writing shall be given to the Local Authority not less than seven days before the first foster child is received and not less than forty-eight hours before any other child is received. In the event of an emergency, notice must be given within twenty-four hours of taking the child.

These notices should be addressed to the Medical Officer of Health, from whom further information can be obtained.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO WOMEN WORKERS

None of the advertisements below relates to a woman between 18 and 40 unless such a woman (a) has living with her a child of hers under the age of 14, or (b) is registered under the Blind Persons Acts, or (c) has a Ministry of Labour permit to allow her to obtain employment by individual effort.

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Thin On The Lower Deck

MARGATE COUNCIL VACANCIES

Only 14 of the 30 seats allocated to councillors were filled when Margate Town Council met on Tuesday.

Following the election of an alderman, Councillor G. Jones, looking round at the empty seats, remarked "When are we going to elect some councillors. We seem to be getting very thin on the lower deck. We shall soon have more aldermen than councillors."

The Mayor (Councillor F. J. Cornford): That matter does not arise to-day.

There are at present 11 vacancies in the office of councillor.

AN EFFICIENT UNIT

RAILWAY HOME GUARD SOCIAL

A happy and successful social and dance was held last week by Ramsgate Southern Railway Home Guard at the S.R. Sports Club, Newington-road.

The event was arranged by members of the Home Guard for past and serving members, their wives and friends, and congratulations are due to the committee for their hard work in making this social evening a success.

Miss Eva Ansell, accordionist, gave her services for the early part of the evening, and Pte. Holliday entertained.

Capt. J. C. Hamlin recalled to mind the uncomplaining sacrifices wives and sweethearts made during the past dark days of the Battle of Britain when their menfolk were continuously called away from home to train and prepare for possible German invasion. However, he continued, utmost vigilance and efficiency was still required of the men and he felt sure that he could still rely on the co-operation of the womenfolk in encouraging what he had set out to attain—a really prepared and efficient unit.

At the conclusion of a most happy evening, Cpl. Porritt, who acted as M.C., expressed thanks to all who had helped in the arrangements and entertainment of the company present.

PRISONER IN JAPAN

Posted as missing 12 months ago, Ldg./Smn. Alfred Ernest Stroud, late of 31 Denmark-road, Ramsgate, has now been reported a prisoner of war in Japan.

Since the destroyer in which he was serving was sunk by the Japs in the Java battle his wife, who is at present living in Winchester, has had no news of him.

Ldg./Smn. Stroud is 33 and an old boy of Lillian-road School. He joined the Royal Navy at the age of 16.

JITTERBUG MAD

GIRL REMANDED IN PRISON

Because of her bad behaviour in a remand home the magistrates at Ramsgate juvenile court on Tuesday ordered a 14-year-old girl to be sent to Holloway Prison until a vacancy occurs for her in an approved school.

The girl, who has appeared before the court several times in connection with the theft of crockery and glassware, valued at £46 15s. 6d., from 64 King-street, Ramsgate, was sent to a remand home on Monday of the previous week pending the decision of the magistrates.

When she was brought before the court again on Tuesday the Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight) read a report of her behaviour which had been sent from the remand home. The report stated that the girl had made herself a perfect nuisance throughout the week and had craved to go out the whole time.

Continuing, the report stated "She is 'jitterbug' mad, an inveterate liar and a bad influence among the other girls." In order to keep the peace of the home she had been allowed to do more or less as she liked, had stayed in bed until dinner-time and did a little sewing when she felt like it in the afternoon. The authorities of the home were not prepared to take her back.

At the previous hearings of the case the girl was not represented by a solicitor but on Tuesday Mr. E. C. Allfree appeared for her and her parents.

"A Monstrous Thing."

Mr. Allfree said he understood the girl had admitted stealing some of the articles and was aware that the case was a serious one. "I cannot help feeling," he said, "that she got into bad company and it should not be possible for a child of 14 to dispose of crockery in these days when it is so scarce. . . . When a girl of that age approaches somebody with a lot of property to sell it is up to them to inform the police. It is a monstrous thing that anybody should buy crockery from a girl of 14."

The girl, he continued, had been working on a farm and the employer was prepared to take her back. Her parents did not feel that she was a bad girl and they were prepared to enter into any recognisances to see that she continued on a straight path.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said the magistrates had, at the last hearing, made up their minds about the course to be pursued regarding the girl. Their decision still stood.

The girl denied that the report from the remand home was completely true. "I only 'jitterbugged' once," she said, "and I did all the sewing that was going. I admit I was rather noisy but not for the last two or three days. I wanted to get out because I have been used to working in the fields and I like the country."

Want to Save Her.

Addressing the girl, the Chairman said "We have your interests at heart. The way you are going on you will be on the rocks and we want to save you. We are going to send you to an approved school and in the meantime proposed that you should go back to the remand home, but they refuse to take you. Your influence on the other girls there must have been bad. You have been a fool to yourself. You will go to Holloway Prison until there is room in an approved school for you."

The father protested that the bench were not treating the girl fairly and said he did not think it was right to punish her in that way for her first offence.

Mr. Knight: She is not going to the school for punishment. She is going there for training, will be looked after properly and will eventually be a credit to you.

The bench ordered the father to pay 5s. a week towards the girl's upkeep.

When she heard the magistrates' decision the girl broke down in tears and had to be carried from the court.

FORCES ENTERTAIN AT ODEON

By popular demand, future entertainment at the Friday services' nights at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, will be provided exclusively by members of the forces stationed in the district.

Friday's show, an impromptu competition, proved that there is plenty of talent among the men and women of the services now with us and the stage programme was made up of six bright and varied turns.

The competition was won by L/Bdr. L. Shilling, of Stoke Newington, who gave a realistic vocal impersonation of a train and steamer journey. Second prize went to Gnr. W. Kennedy with a comedy song, and third to Acwm. A. Nichols, W.A.A.F., another singer. The other artistes were Bdr. Redman, Bdr. Edwards and Gnr. Moore, and once again Mr. A. T. Burley's piano items were very popular.

KINDNESS PERSONIFIED

BROADSTAIRS MAN'S LONG SERVICE

Among the employees of Broadstairs Gas Company none is more well-known and respected than Mr. R. Rowland, the cashier.

With a fine record of 46 years' service to his credit, he is esteemed by customers and staff alike for his charm and courtesy and cheerful efficiency, and practical tributes to his popularity were paid at an informal social gathering of employees at the Rose Inn, Broadstairs, on Thursday.

Mr. A. Wells, the engineer and manager, presided over the company, which included past and present members of the staff—one of them, a pensioner, still nimble at 80 years or so—and a special welcome was given to Mr. E. F. Smallbone, the former engineer, who travelled from Folkestone for the occasion.

Welcoming those present, Mr. Wells said that in war-time particularly they should make every effort to join together at social functions. War had taught them that not only charity but happiness began at home and for that reason he was very pleased to see so many ladies present. "They are a great credit to Broadstairs," he said amidst applause.

Having had experience of many men of different types, continued Mr. Wells, he could say that if they were not happy in their homes they were not happy at work.

An Excellent Example.

They had Mr. Smallbone with them that evening and that showed that he still had a warm spot in his heart for Broadstairs. "We hope we shall see him on many more occasions," he said, "and particularly when the war is over."

Speaking of Mr. Rowland, Mr. Wells said he met him for the first time at a "salesmen's circle" at Herne Bay. He realised at that time what a fine type of man he was and took an instinctive liking to him. "I thought if the rest of the employees are like him they are a nice lot indeed," he said. "I have since found he was an excellent example of you all.

"Mr. Rowland is going to take up bowls after the war is over and his staff colleagues have decided to present him with a set of woods. Unfortunately they are not yet obtainable and cannot be presented to-night so they must be taken for granted."

Mr. Smallbone said that when, some time ago, the employees were making a presentation to himself he thought that 21 years was a long time to be in the service of one company. But he considered that a short time when he realised that Mr. Rowland had been with them for 46 years. In the showrooms he had shown the utmost courtesy and tact and was never disgruntled. "He is kindness personified to everybody," said Mr. Smallbone.

Many Changes.

"There have been many changes in the staff and there are not many left to-day who were here when I joined the company. How different it must seem for Mr. Rowland. He must have seen two or three times as many changes as I have and has some wonderful memories of the early days. He has always seemed to be Broadstairs Gas Company and has stayed to help it through difficult times when he could have retired."

When Mr. Rowland came to Broadstairs, said Mr. Smallbone, coal was 14s. to 15s. a ton so they could guess what wages were like then. Since that time, with the rise in the price of coal, wages and working conditions had advanced.

Continuing, Mr. Smallbone said there were no pensions schemes or social facilities in those early days but Mr. E. L. Burton who, from 1919 till 1933, was chairman of the directors when the company was a purely local one, "did a world" for them in this respect. They would be interested to know that Mr. Burton's son, serving in the Navy, had been in Africa for many months and had now returned to the Admiralty as a commander.

In presenting Mr. Rowland with the order for the bowls, Mr. Smallbone said he was voicing the esteem not only of the management and staff but also of the pensioners. He thought Mr. Rowland's good nature was mainly due to his home life for he was very fortunate in his choice of a wife.

An Inspiration.

Mr. Rowland offered his thanks in a brief speech and Mrs. Rowland was then presented with a beautiful bunch of daffodils by Miss Mary Brunton, a member of the staff, who said they all realised what a help and inspiration she had been to her husband and extended good wishes to them for many more years of happy life.

On behalf of the company Mr. Wells then presented Mr. Rowland with seven savings certificates to mark his long service with them.

Mr. G. H. Thatcher, treasurer of the Herne Bay Gas Company Sports Club, said he hoped competitions could be arranged with the Broadstairs Gas Company's club in winter and summer.

During the evening a further presentation was made to Miss Gladys King, who has been secretary of the club for the past nine months.

Mr. A. J. Godden, chairman of the club, said the social life of the district was rather quiet and it meant a lot of work to "get things going," but Miss King had put her heart into the job and the success of the social that evening was mainly due to her and Mr. Wells.

Making the presentation to Miss King, Mr. Wells mentioned that she expected to be joining the forces in the near future and he wished her good luck and a safe return.

The presentations were followed by an enjoyable entertainment.

With a team captained by Mr. D. Martin, the company's sports club were recently runners-up in a darts tournament organised by the Brighter Broadstairs League.

MISSING BELIEVED KILLED

Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Sladden, of 2 Southend-cottages, Canterbury-road, Birchington, Pte. Horace Benstead Sladden, The Buffs, has been reported missing believed killed in North Africa.

Twenty-seven years of age and married with two children, Pte. Sladden went overseas last November. Previously employed by a local butcher, he joined the Army nearly three years ago.

His brother, Officer-Cook Dennis Sladden, aged 21, is serving in the Royal Navy.

THIS WEEK'S COMPLETE STORY

ON THE SQUARE

BY

Fred Westerham

It was "Meteor" day at the Stagirites' Club.

There was an atmosphere of concentration amounting almost to mental anguish. Elderly men sat bolt upright in leather armchairs, their eyes staring into the middle distance as their lips silently shaped mysterious syllables. Old men shrank into the corners of settees, their weary minds groping as though for guidance from unseen powers. Young men—there were none. Nobody under fifty is considered to be a ripe and responsible person at the Stagirites' Club.

Everywhere, an abysmal quiet. Indeed, the polite notice on the smoking-room wall—"Members are kindly requested not to indulge in loud conversation"—seemed, at the moment, to have been placed there in a spirit of irony.

Even the movement of Chawls, the smoking-room waiter, only emphasised the stillness; his progress here and there over the thick carpet making no more disturbance than snowflakes wafting in some Alpine valley.

But Chawls, though skilful, was not infallible. The **clink** of the glass he set down by Mr. Sibley's elbow was distinctly heard quite eight feet away. Three members scowled heavily. An architect got up and sought another corner of the room. A Harley-street physician muttered "Pah!" and began drumming with his bony fingers, to the intense annoyance of a judge. And Mr. Sibley murmured:

"I asked you to **bring** me a whisky, not to juggle it in like a performing sea-lion. And now it's gone——"

Chawls, though he knew perfectly well what Mr. Sibley meant, whispered an exclamation: "Gone, sir? But there's none spilt——"

"Not the whisky. The word. On the tip of my tongue—or my pencil. Gone!"

Chawls stood there respectfully; a study in perfect waiter technique. His slight stoop, his lined face and his mutton-chop whiskers made him look more judicial than did any of the legal luminaries on the Club roll. Under the strain of "Meteor" day many a member broke down into momentary irritability; but Chawls, a rock of wisdom, stood unruffled.

"Five letters," said Mr. Sibley; then glanced round and dropped his voice a tone. "Five letters, and the clue is 'What' ho, has Petruchia married a portmanteau?' Now, what d'you make of that, Chawls?"

"A nasty one, sir," said Chawls.

"A very nasty one," said Mr. Sibley.

"I have an order for Lord Poote, sir," mentioned Chawls. "If in the meantime you will attempt another part of the puzzle, I will reflect upon the matter."

"Good." Mr. Sibley poised his pencil vaguely, and Chawls proceeded on his errand of refreshment. He found Lord Poote at the far end of the smoke-room, sitting dejectedly in a corner of the great bay-window. Having placed his lordship's sherry in position, Chawls gave a sympathetic murmur. "No progress, sir?"

"Not another confounded word," came the reply. "Fellow ought to be hung. Twisted mind. No, here's a clue—'Dramatist, originator of a questionable school'—that must be Congreve, chap who wrote those—h'm—broadminded comedies. But that word won't link up——"

"Might I suggest, sir," mused Chawls diffidently, "that you try Sheridan? Also eight letters; and he wrote, you remember, 'The School for Scandal'."

"Why, of course!" gasped Lord Poote, who didn't remember any beyond 'The Belle of New York.' But he scribbled happily; and Chawls retired with an additional two shillings on his tray. And on his voyage to the door, Chawls hove to and whispered to Mr. Sibley that perhaps "portmanteau" hinted at a portmanteau word; and that Petruchio in "The Taming of the Shrew" was described as Kated, meaning mated with Kate.

"Eh?" said Mr. Sibley. "Kate who?"

Chawls repeated his bit of Shakespearian lore.

Mr. Sibley stared at his copy of the "Meteor." "That's it! Chawls, you're a genius——"

"Glad to be of assistance, sir," replied Chawls; and quitted the smoke-room, richer now by four and sixpence.

Not bad takings. Quite twenty members of the Stagirites' Club slaved away, week by week, at the crossword puzzle in the "Meteor"; but none could ever make the grade without help from the profound brain of Chawls, the waiter. Bearing in mind that Stagirites are warm men who tip naturally in pieces of silver, the calculation is simple . . .

There was, of course, no question of prize-winning. The "Meteor" is a scholarly journal, far above such inducements. Those who survived the weekly brainstrain had only honour for reward. But what a puzzle! Competitors could never quite make up their minds whether the clues were planned by a joint committee of Oxford and Cambridge professors, or by a lunatic asylum.

Be that as it might, getting one's name in the "Meteor" solvers' list was as good as a gold medal. Hence the intellectual brooding, the secret rivalry that lurked in the Club each Friday afternoon. And hence the steady income enjoyed by Chawls, the waiter, who distributed his brilliant suggestions with a strictly confidential and impartial tongue——

It was some time later, when Chawls paused in his task of supplying much-needed refreshment, in order to supply a retired general with a much-needed word, that the now familiar question came:

"Chawls, why don't you send a solution in yourself? You'd be sure to come out top of the list——"

"Me, sir?" Chawls was slightly shocked. "Put my name forward amongst all the gentlemen's——"

"Nonsense, man. You've as much brain as all the members put together."

"I wouldn't care to think so, sir," replied Chawls; and if there was a faint ambiguity in his tone the general missed it.

"Don't know where we'd be without you," he grunted; then glanced at the clock and rose ponderously from his chair. Time to go home for tea. Other members drifted out, leaving their uncompleted puzzles for another day.

And this was Chawls's evening off. He tidied the tables and went quietly into the service quarters. In his own room he removed his white jacket; put on his rusty coat and his chief bowler.

Out in the street, no longer the oracle of the Stagirites' Club, Chawls became an insignificant pedestrian, then an equally insignificant fare-paying passenger on an 87 bus. Twenty minutes later, climbing to the tiny top flat of a decayed "mansion," he was neither a pompous waiter nor a human cipher, but just himself. He opened a door, threw his bowler hat frivolously at a hook, and called "Hullo, there!"

"Hullo, Charles!"

Not much distinction in sound, between the Christian name Charles and the surname Chawls, but it made all the difference. An old, bald man approached peering through thick spectacles.

"Well, Professor?"

"Very well," said the other. "Come on in. I've some tea for you."

Chawls's eyes flickered sharply over the table. "Boiled eggs—and jam, too," he observed. "Flowers—you've bought those. You can't do it, Professor."

"But I **do** do it, Charles," said the old man, with dusty dignity. "You will allow me to entertain my friends in my own way. Especially as I have only one friend. Besides"—he chuckled—"the landlord is still omitting to call for his rent. Queer. Yet he calls on other people. He must be a very philanthropic man."

Chawls, who had spent a few moments in the landlord's office before coming up, said nothing.

"Tell me about the curious people at that Club."

The Stagirites would have been humanly indignant to hear how Chawls, the soul of discretion, described with a wealth of comic detail their faces, their fads and fancies, to the man who listened with such relish. But they might have been forgiving could they have understood that this was the Professor's one remaining contact with the world of life.

"A pity," he sighed, when the recital was over. "Such a pity that you can't turn all that into literature, merely through lack of what passes for learning. Waste! That evening when you and I got talking in the park—two friendless men—came forty years too late. Now you're too old to learn and I'm too old to teach. Well, I'll clear the table—no, no, don't help. This is your night off."

While the old man pottered in his little kitchen, Chawls moved quietly and methodically. From the mantelpiece he took the vase in which the poverty-stricken Professor kept his small finances. The waiter had reckoned that he had still seven shillings left of the crossword tips, after paying his friend's rent. This sum he added to the coins in the vase. The Professor would never notice.

Then Chawls looked round for the one luxury in his scholarly friend's life: the current copy of the "Meteor." He found it. The crossword puzzle was completed. Chawls just had time to jot down the words on an envelope from his pocket before the Professor shuffled back, saying:

"Now you are to rest and listen to me. Your subject is life; mine is literature. I will read to you from the poet Chaucer."

Quietly, while the old man read aloud, Chawls slipped off his shoes and placed his aching feet on the rung of a chair. It had been a hard day. The Professor's voice went on and on. Poetry. Chawls couldn't understand a word of it. But it was musical. Good to listen to. Soothing. Pity I've no brain, thought Chawls. Just a dumb waiter. Smiling at the feeble joke, he slept.

The End

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

RAMSGATE MUSIC CLUB CONCERT

When the last concert of the season of the Ramsgate Music Club was given at St. George's Parish Hall on Thursday, the Vicar (the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth), who originally sponsored the idea, announced that a new series would start in the autumn under the auspices of either the new vicar or any other music lover who would take it on.

As Mr. E. A. Knight said when he thanked the artistes, the last concert was by no means the least of the series started six months ago.

Miss Kathleen Perry was responsible for the programme, in which all the artistes surpassed themselves. Mr. B. French, A.R.C.O., who was loaned a piano worthy of his talent, played some small pieces by Chaminade, but his piece de resistance was the lovely Sonata Pathetique by Beethoven. The perfect communion of his spirit with the composer's, the co-ordination of his hands and mind and the way he entered wholly into the music at the exclusion of all else made the sonata the living expression of Beethoven's genius.

Bdr. S. H. Bor, who was one of the artistes at the first concert, again charmed his audience with the first movement of Mozart's Sonata No. 5 in E flat for violin and piano, "Melody" by Gluck (arranged by Kreisler), "Songs by Mother taught me" (Dvorak) and the jolly "Tambourin Chinois" (Kreisler).

Miss K. Perry and Miss E. Ashton enlivened the programme with two Slavonic dances by Dvorak arranged as duets for the piano. Miss M. Vyse, mezzo-soprano, responded to a request and sang "Orpheus with his lute" (Sullivan) and "Where the bee sucks" (Dr. Arne) with flowing simplicity. Miss M. White, soprano, also had a request for "The lost chord" and chose "L'Eté" (Chaminade), "Rosamunde" (Schubert) and Solveig's song from Grieg's "Peer Gynt" suite.

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From the ends
of the earth
they come . . . .
our precious ships
and their brave crews
through peril of storm
stalked by wolves
the wolves of the sea—
the U-boats
in packs.
But the Navy is
there—
and overhead the
planes—
spotting—
bringing the convoy
Home
with its urgent load.
Food, raw materials,
Oil for the tanks,
Munitions—
to feed
the gathering force
of the great assault—
the final blow!
Precious cargoes
precious men—and
the wolves are many.
They multiply,
they swarm.
They prowl
ceaselessly.
But the convoy
comes home,
for our planes
are overhead
Spotting, swooping,
striking—
guarding the flock.

* * * *

What are we on the home front doing in the war against the U-boats? It is our part to work harder and to save more . . . . to stop waste, to save food and fuel and CUT OUR SPENDING. That is the vital support which we must give to the seamen and the airmen who risk their lives for us. The great thing at this moment when the dawn is breaking is to SAVE MORE.

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Played After Fracturing Skull

BABY'S FATAL FALL

A mother told Ramsgate Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson), at an inquest on Tuesday, how her two-year-old son played about in the kitchen for an hour after falling down three steps into the garden.

Next morning the child died and a post-mortem examination showed that as a result of the fall he had sustained a fractured skull.

The child was John Cavell, aged two years and three months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas George Cavell, of 33 Prestedge-avenue, Ramsgate.

The mother, Mrs. Annie Cavell, said John was a twin and had not been very strong since birth. He had a weakness in his right knee and she had taken him to see Dr. Walker about it.

On Saturday she was in the kitchen about 6.15 p.m. attending to her month-old baby when she heard John scream. She ran out and picked up John, who was lying on his back at the bottom of the steps. There were three steps and most of the children had fallen down them. When she picked up John he was not crying and she had no idea he had seriously hurt himself. He later played around the kitchen before going to bed. He did go to sleep but was restless.

Heavy Breathing.

Mrs. Cavell said she got up at about 7.45 on Sunday morning. John was awake then and later she noticed he was breathing rather heavily. At 8.45 she went to fetch a friend, who lived not far away. When she got back John was dead.

In reply to the Coroner, witness said the house was a Council house and the steps were very dangerous for young children. She had made no complaint to the Corporation about the steps.

Dr. A. N. Gordon, police surgeon, who carried out a post-mortem examination, said the child died from a fractured base of the skull. A small blood vessel was probably ruptured and the pressure of blood on the brain gradually increased. That resulted in the parents being misled as to the gravity of the injury. There were no signs of external injury. The injury was probably caused more by a jar than by a severe blow.

Returning a verdict of "Accidental Death," the Coroner said he had not seen the steps himself but if they really were dangerous he had no doubt the Council would do something about them. It was up to the parents to ask the Council to do something.

ANY OLD RAZOR BLADES?

That old razor blade you have just cast aside can be very useful to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

By collecting used blades the Southern Railway have so far helped the fund to the extent of over £300 and Ramsgate station is proud of its total of 20,100.

Just lately, however, the numbers have been dropping off a bit. So don't forget, next time you visit Ramsgate station, to take your used blades along with you and put them in the box which is provided for that purpose. The company will be just as glad to receive them as you will be to get rid of them.

THE FOOD FRONT

NEW WAYS WITH HARICOTS

Haricot or butter beans are an excellent buy at one point per lb., for they can be used in both savoury and sweet dishes. Their attractive nutty flavour blends with so many things that you can use them to eke out meat, cheese or bacon meals, as the basis of a sweet pudding or to give extra food value to a vegetable dish or soup.

Don't forget that beans are a body building food and therefore make a most useful addition to our meat ration.

Cooking time for all dried beans is greatly reduced if they are well soaked. Soak them overnight in plenty of cold water and next morning cook them in the same water. Don't add salt until they are tender.

In some districts there are still some of the canned beans in brine on sale. These are now off points. They are ready cooked and contrary to what the name suggests, are only slightly salted. Use them in exactly the same way as cooked haricots.

Here are a few widely varying ways of using beans:

For Breakfast.

Bean Omelette.

¾-1lb. cooked beans
2 eggs (reconstituted)
Salt and pepper
1 teaspoonful of chutney or pickle
Knob of dripping

Melt the dripping, fry the beans. Mix the chutney with the eggs, salt and pepper and pour into the pan, over the beans. Shake the pan well, and when set turn it over carefully and brown the underside, turn out and eat hot.

For Lunch or Dinner.

Spanish Beans.

1lb. cooked beans
1lb. mixed raw vegetables
2 dried eggs (reconstituted)
4ozs. cheese

Melt fat in baking tin, and place in layers the beans, grated vegetables, cheese and seasoning. Cover with a greased paper and bake 30 minutes. Pour the eggs on top and put back to set for about 10 minutes.

For Supper.

Bean Soup.

1 leek or onion (chopped)
2 or 3 sticks of celery (chopped)
1½ pints of stock or water
3 or 4 cloves
8ozs. cooked beans
1 dessertspoonful flour
½ pint household milk
Salt and pepper

Cook leek and celery in the stock or water for ten minutes. Add seasonings and beans, cook for 20 minutes. Mash well with a wooden spoon. Strain and return liquid to saucepan. Rub beans through a sieve, add to liquor. Blend flour with milk, add to the soup, boil up, stirring well. Cook for 5 minutes. Sprinkle with chopped parsley.

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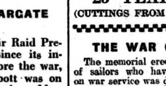

New Alderman

ELECTED AT MARGATE

Chairman of the Air Raid Precautions Committee since its inception two years before the war, Councillor G. A. Abbott was on Tuesday elected to the aldermanic bench of Margate Town Council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Alderman W. R. Noble.

Councillor Abbott, who has been a member of the Council for 15 years, received 11 votes. Two members voted for the Mayor (Councillor F. J. Cornford) and one for Councillor L. Munro Cobb.

The Mayor said Councillor Abbott, who was unable to be present owing to indisposition, had done excellent work as a member of the Council and some of them had the highest possible appreciation of his work as chairman of the A.R.P. Committee and as a member of the War Emergency Committee.

IN WHICH WE SERVE

NOEL COWARD'S EPIC AT KING'S

"Incomparably the finest film yet produced in a British studio."

That is the comment of a national newspaper critic on Noel Coward's outstanding film "In Which We Serve," which is showing at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, for the whole of this week.

This is the story of a destroyer of the Royal Navy and those who serve in her. In the Battle of Crete she is divebombed while steaming at 30 knots and goes down fighting. Among those of her survivors who are able to reach a Carley float are Capt. Edward Kinross, Chief Petty Officer Walter Hardy and Ordinary Seaman "Shorty" Blake. As they cling to the float exhausted, wounded and machine-gunned, we see, through the memories of these three characters, their families and their home lives interwoven and dominated by their ship.

Through their minds are shown the ordeals, the achievements and the gallantry of H.M.S. Torrin from her commissioning as a unit of the fleet until she sinks in her last battle. The Torrin has gone and so have many of her crew. But they, no less than the survivors, carry on the fight for they are the spirit of the British Navy, past, present and future, which will guard our shores and keep our honour on all the oceans of the world.

Noel Coward, who himself stars in the film with John Mills, Bernard Miles and Celia Johnson, writes "Here ends the story of a ship, but there will always be other ships, for we are an island race. Through all our centuries the sea has ruled our destiny. There will always be other ships and men to sail in them. It is these men, in peace or war, to whom we owe so much. Above all victories, beyond all loss, in spite of changing values in a changing world, they give to us their countrymen, eternal and indomitable pride. God bless our ships and all who sail in them."

DIAMOND WEDDING

MR. AND MRS. T. J. WIGGETT

Congatulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wiggett, two former well-known Ramsgatonians, who on Thursday celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary.

Older Ramsgate inhabitants will well remember Mr. Wiggett, who was for many years in business at 8 Queen-street and 54 High-street as a china and glass merchant. At that time he was people's warden at St. George's Church.

A prominent Freemason, he held the office of Worshipful Master of Lewises Lodge, No. 1209, in 1917, received provincial honours for Kent as P.A.G.D.C. in 1928 and was for some years almoner of his lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiggett were married at St. Martin's Church, Kentish Town, on 11th March, 1883.

When he retired from business in 1921, Mr. Wiggett and his wife went to live at Deal and in 1940 they moved to Southampton, where they experienced the blitz. After that they lived near Beccles, Suffolk, and they are now temporarily residing at Chorley Wood, but their own home is still at Deal.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiggett, who are 82 and 81 years old respectively, are still very active for their age.

MINSTER MAN'S DEATH

COLLIERY TRAGEDY MYSTERY SIGNAL

An inquest held by the County Coroner (Mr. C. A. Gardner) at Canterbury last week failed to provide the answer to the mystery of a signal which resulted in the death, following an accident in Chislet Colliery, of a Minster man.

The victim of the accident was Leonard Bing, aged 21, of Lilian-villas, Augustine-road, Minster.

Bing was crushed between a railing and a tub, sustaining injuries from which he died in the Kent and Canterbury Hospital the following day.

The inquest was attended by Mr. T. W. McBride, H.M. Inspector of Mines, Mr. A. E. Sutton (colliery manager) and Mr. J. Elks, representing the Kent Mineworkers' Association.

A sister of the dead man, Mrs. Laura Brennan, of Montefiore-avenue, Ramsgate, said her brother enjoyed good health.

Joseph Parfitt, of Marden-avenue, Ramsgate, a haulage lad at the colliery, said Emlyn Hughes and he were engaged about 11.40 a.m. the previous Wednesday on getting a run of empty tubs up to the tip-end. He had started to shackle up the full tubs when he heard a shout and, turning round, saw Bing caught between the carrying girder and the first empty tub. Witness rushed to the conveyor and stopped it. He got Bing out and he complained of pain in the stomach. In witness' opinion the empty tubs must have moved while he was shackling the full tubs. He gave no signal for them to be moved.

Replying to Mr. Elks, witness agreed that if the rope had been left off the empty tubs the engine could not have moved them and the accident would not have occurred. Bing could not have given any signal.

Witness told Mr. Sutton that the rope was not left on the empties as a rule.

Emlyn Hughes said he was picking up lockers when he saw the empties begin to move. He had given no signal for them to move. The next signal should have been four knocks. He immediately gave the stop signal.

In reply to Mr. Elks he said a falling piece of rock might possibly have struck the wire to cause an apparent signal.

Arthur Moon, haulage engine driver, said he received signals at 11.40 a.m. to haul in and then to stop. Then he got another "start," followed by a further "stop." Later the deputy sent for him. He did not get a "four" signal after the first "one," as should have been the case, but it did not occur to him that that was strange. He was quite sure that he got the "two" signal which resulted in the accident. He agreed with the inspector that when he did not get the "four" signal it would have been better to let the engine stand, and make inquiries.

Replying to Mr. Elks, witness said he had had a "two" signal on previous occasions instead of a "four." He was most emphatic that he had made no mistake. If a stone had fallen on the wire it would have caused only a "one" or stop signal.

The Coroner expressed the opinion that the accident was caused by the engine driver acting on a signal which he thought he received but which in fact he did not get. He recorded a verdict of "Death by Misadventure."

The Funeral.

Well-known in Minster, Leonard Bing was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bing, and was brought up by his aunt, Mrs. A. Petts. He attended Minster School and after working at a laundry began work at Chislet four years ago.

He joined the Minster platoon of the Home Guard on its formation and rose to the rank of sergeant. He was a keen cricketer and footballer and was an Oddfellow. He volunteered for service in the Royal Navy, in which his father served in the last war, and also the R.A.F., but could not get release from his work at the pit.

The funeral took place at Minster Cemetery on Tuesday, being preceded by a service at the Parish Church conducted by the Vicar (Canon A. W. MacMichael).

Sixth (Thanet) Batt., Home Guard, was represented by Lt.-Col. C. S. F. Witts, T.D., Commanding Officer, Capt. R. F. Walbourn, Adjt., Capt. H. V. Vokes, C/O Minster Platoon, Capt. H. S. L. Pearse, 2nd in command Minster Platoon, R/S/M J. F. Denne, P/S/I W. Horne, members of the Minster and Ebbsfleet platoons under Platoon Cdr. W. Howard, and a detachment from D (Ramsgate) Coy. There were also present members of the Civil Defence Service, the Air Training Corps, Mr. Prothero (representing Chislet Colliery) and C/S/M Edwards (Chislet Home Guard).

The mourners were Mrs. A. Petts (aunt), Mr. and Mrs. F. Brenan (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. W. Shires (aunt), Mr. H. Petts, Mrs. E. Ewell, Mrs. B. Petts and Mr. and Mrs. G. Petts (cousins), Miss G. Stubbles (fiancee), Mrs. W. Marsh, Mr. R. Jacobs and Mr. Hunter.

The Last Post was sounded at the graveside by Army trumpeters

FUNERAL OF MRS. E. M. HUBBELL

The funeral took place at Ramsgate Cemetery on Thursday of Mrs. Elsie May Hubbell, wife of Mr. Harry Hubbell, of Rosebery Farm, Northwood, who died the previous Monday.

Mrs. Hubbell was 49 years of age and her husband was formerly a reserve policeman at Ramsgate and is now a member of the special constabulary.

The Rev. S. B. Green (minister of Ramsgate Congregational Church), assisted by Major C. Barrass (Salvation Army), conducted the committal service, which included the singing of two of Mrs. Hubbell's favourite hymns.

The mourners were the widower, Mr. E. Hubbell (son), the Misses Audrey and Eva Hubbell (daughters), Mrs. Stock, Mrs. Griffiths and Miss Philpott (sisters), Mr. Stock and Mr. H. Hubbell (brothers-in-law), Mr. R. Hubbell (nephew), Miss Griffiths (niece), Mr. and Mrs. F. Warden, Nurse Howells and Mr. and Miss Trigg.

Ramsgate police were represented by Insprs. Hicks and Fittall and Sgt. Wait, and the Salvation Army by C/S/M Kelson, S/L Baker and B/M Copley.

The wreaths included those from: Your own Harry (husband); Eva and Edward; Audrey and Ray; Eva and Walter; Mabel, Reg. Olive and Ron; Ethel; Sister Flo, Hubert, niece Doris and Jim; Dot, Harold, Roland and Pam; Lil and Jim; Mim and Gordon; Little David; Olive and Fred, Bernard and Victor; Chief Constable and Administrative Staff, Ramsgate Borough Police; Members of Ramsgate Borough Police, First Police Reserve, Police War Reserve and Women's Auxiliary Police Corps; Members of Special Constabulary; Members of Mobile Section, Borough Police; Officers and all sections of Ramsgate Salvation Army; Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clarke and family; Mr. and Mrs. Dalton; Aggie and George; Harold, Pat and John; Rosa Howells; Mrs. E. Shaxted; Mr. and Mrs. Chandler and family; Mr. and Mrs. Toombs; Mrs. P. R. Kelson and Bert, Eva and Edna; Mr. and Mrs. Preston; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Downs; Mr. and Mrs. Gueran and Norman; Mrs. Stock and Dora; Mr. and Mrs. Paramour and Daphne; Mrs. Bryn Howells and family; Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Howell; Mrs. F. Griggs.

Mr. W. H. Maskell, of Hardres-street, Ramsgate, was the undertaker.

R.A.F. BALL

The grand R.A.F. ball held at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, on Thursday, was a huge success and nearly 600 people danced to the music of the famous R.A.F. Central Band, Uxbridge, under the baton of Sgt. J. Miller.

The Services' Comforts and Troopers' Funds will benefit considerably as a result of the effort, which was under the patronage of the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) and officers and men from the R.A.F., Manston, and local units.

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

The memorial erected on the graves of sailors who have lost their lives on war service was dedicated at Ramsgate Cemetery on Wednesday by the Vicar of St. George's (the Rev. E. L. A. Hertslet). Naval men and Sea Scouts attended the short but impressive service.

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Mr. J. Lumer, of 56 Queen-street, Ramsgate, has received official information of the death in action of his eldest son, Pte. J. Lumer, London Regiment.

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Sgt. A. Stedman, son of Mrs. Cooper, of 18 Cavendish-street, Ramsgate, is a prisoner in Turkish hands. He was with the Royal West Kents and has been away from home for nine years.

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Sgt. W. N. Hewitt, 3rd Buffs, a son of Mr. F. E. S. Hewitt, of Ramsgate, was married at Thetford, on Sunday, to Miss Hilda Baker, of Thetford. The bridegroom fought in France for 12 months until July, 1916, when he was wounded near Contalmaison at the opening of the Somme offensive. After the wedding his comrades of the training staff to which he is attached removed the horses from the carriage and pulled the vehicle to the bride's home.

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Pte. Wilfrid Beer, The Buffs, a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Beer, of 15 Broad-street, Ramsgate, has been wounded for the third time and is in hospital.

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During last week's special savings campaign in Ramsgate a total of £27,083 was invested in war bonds and certificates.

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Capt. J. N. Robins, R.A.M.C., of Cullingworth, Baird's-hill, Broadstairs, a former member of Broadstairs Council, was home for a few days last week. He was wounded at Cambrai in November.

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King's Theatre, Ramsgate.—Next week. Special star picture, "Hater of Men" (triangle drama). Bessie Barriscale as the woman who revolts against men and marriage. The subtitles alone are worth the price of admission. Charlie Chaplin will be with you all through this week in that most humorous of his absurdities, "The Cure."

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

GAS WORKS HEAT

At a meeting of Ramsgate Gas and Water Committee on Thursday, Councillor Gwyn made an important statement in reference to the gas works, in answer to allegations of mismanagement made at the recent dinner of the Ramsgate Ratepayers' Association. He was supported by several other speakers and Councillors Green and Barnett replied. An animated discussion followed, during which Councillor Gwyn challenged Councillor Barnett and others as to the question at issue and said he was prepared to pay £100 towards the expenses of an expert, but if the report of the expert was adverse to the opinions of the minority they would have to pay a like amount. This was not accepted but Alderman Wood offered to pay £100 if, on the appointment of an engineer at a less salary than Mr. Valon, the gas works did not show an increased profit to the ratepayers to the extent of a twopenny rate. Ultimately it was decided to appoint an independent engineer to make a thorough enquiry into the management of the gas works.

RELIGION AND LIFE

Ramsgate's Religion and Life Week, from 10th to 19th April, is to be preceded by a series of meetings for discussions on some of the subjects which will be dealt with during the week itself.

The meetings are being held at St. George's Parish Hall.

The topics to be discussed are: Mondays, "Christianity and the Social Order"; Tuesdays, "Christianity and the Home and Family Life"; Wednesdays, "Christianity in Industry and Commerce"; and Thursdays, "Christianity and Education."

FISHMONGER FINED £50

MARGATE FOOD PROSECUTION

A Margate fishmonger who was alleged to have sold fish wholesale to retailers in Kent who were not registered customers without first satisfying all those who were registered with him was fined £50 at Margate police court on Wednesday.

Defendant was John Thomas Parker, wholesale and retail fishmonger, of High-street, Margate. He was fined £25 for the distribution offence and £25 for failing to keep proper records of his wholesale fish sales.

Parker was summoned for selling fish wholesale to Norman Leslie Stringer, who was not a registered customer approved by the Ministry of Food, between 22nd October and 13th November, contrary to the Fish Distribution Order, and failing to keep records of purchases and sales of fish, otherwise than by retail.

Mr. Malcolm Borg prosecuted on behalf of the Ministry of Food, and Mr. E. C. Allfree represented defendant.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Borg said defendant was licensed as a wholesale fish distributor and on 21st October was supplied by the Area Fish Distribution Officer with a list of his registered customers, with the proportions of fish to be supplied to them. Defendant's name appeared on the list because he was also the holder of a retail license. The Order provided that he should first offer fish to his registered customers in the specified proportions, and that if any was refused it should be offered to any other registered customer. If not then accepted it could be offered to any other person, subject to any other Order of the Ministry restricting its movement or disposal. Therefore he was not entitled to sell fish to unregistered customers unless all his registered customers had refused to take it.

Inequitable Distribution.

It had been ascertained that during the period from 22nd October to 13th November defendant sold fish to Mr. Stringer, of Canterbury, who was not a registered customer. One of his registered customers, Mr. Dallas, of Chatham, would give evidence that he never refused any fish from defendant. Favouritism to any one customer or supplying an unauthorised customer would create an inequitable distribution.

Norman Leslie Stringer, manager for his mother of a fishmonger's business at Palace-street, Canterbury, said he paid defendant £76 4s. 6d. on 26th October for fish received the previous week, £48 10s. 5d. on 3rd November, £6 14s. 10d. on 10th November and £19 5s. 3d. on 17th November. He was not one of defendant's registered customers.

Hector Dallas, of High-street, Chatham, a retail fishmonger, said he was registered with defendant but did not receive any fish from him during October. He received one consignment in November. He never refused any offer of fish.

Cross-examined, witness said he always wanted fish and could do with very much more than he received.

Frederick John Pattenden, Divisional Enforcement Officer, Ministry of Food, South-Eastern Division, said he called on defendant on 8th February and asked him if he had any explanation to offer for supplying fish to Mr. Stringer, of Canterbury. Defendant made a statement in which he said he carried on the business jointly with his sister, but accepted full responsibility for everything. As far as possible, the statement went on, he had shared the fish out to the customers allocated to him, and when he had had any over he sent it to Mr. Stringer, of Canterbury, Mr. Blacksland, of Whitstable, Mr. Castle, of Maidstone and Sheerness, Mr. Redshaw, of Sittingbourne, and Mr. Thompsett, of Sittingbourne. During the period 1st October to 13th November fish was caught locally, continued the statement, and he also received fish from Grimsby.

Invoices Destroyed.

He had destroyed the invoices, but had retained the bills which he had paid. He had supplied the persons on the schedule of registered customers with such fish as they had ordered. Mr. Dallas had not had a great quantity in 1942. His practice had been to meet the boats with his lorry when they came in, load a proportion of the fish for the shop, and dispatch the remainder to the customers he had mentioned. The only record he had of fish received from Grimsby was the bills he had paid, which did not show the description or weight. His books showed a record of the fish caught locally.

"In regard to the Order of the Ministry," added the statement, "I regret I have not kept records as shown, but will do so from now onwards. Seeing I supplied the various customers already mentioned and not on my list, and in view of fishing starting here shortly, could I be given a new list of allocations, which I will strictly adhere to?"

Defendant did not attempt to hide anything from him, and give him every assistance, said witness.

Mr. Allfree asked if defendant was at liberty to dispose of the fish which his boat caught as he liked.

"I take it he is only allowed to dispose of a proportion of it in accordance with the schedule," replied witness.

Defendant, in evidence, said he owned a fishing boat and had a half-share in another boat. A proportion of the fish caught by his boat was sent to Mr. Stringer. Before he received a list of his registered customers he supplied Mr. Stringer, Mr. Blacksland and others.

Mr. Allfree: Have you been led to believe that you are entitled to dispose of the fish your boat catches where you like?

Defendant: Yes.

Bought From Other Boats.

Continuing, defendant said he also bought fish from other local boats, and as a retailer he received an allocation of fish from Grimsby about twice a week which he sold at his shop. He did not send any of the Grimsby fish to other merchants because he would have to sell it at the same price as he bought it and pay the carriage, which would mean a loss. The fish sent away was that caught locally. He had never received any complaint from his registered customers that he had not sent them enough fish. His only staff consisted of a man to help do the packing and his sister in the shop.

Defendant said it did not benefit him in any way to send fish to merchants who were not registered customers. He told Mr. Pattenden that he received a list of registered customers from the Ministry, put it in a drawer and overlooked it. He went on serving the people he had been serving before the Order came into force. He thought it was only fair that he should continue to serve them.

Cross-examined by Mr. Borg, defendant admitted that he did not take much notice of the list of registered customers when he received it. He had been buying fish from three other Margate boats. The fish was not kept separate from the fish caught by his boats. He was the only wholesaler in Margate and there was one at Ramsgate who had three boats fishing from Margate. He agreed that Mr. Stringer was probably on the list of another whoelsaler.

Mr. Borg: Then he is having too much fish and your registered customers too little.

The Chairman, announcing the fines, said the bench regarded it as a very serious case. He pointed out that the maximum penalty they could impose was a fine of £500 on each summons with a term of imprisonment. As, however, it was the first of its kind that had come before them they were treating it in a lenient manner.

In addition to fines totalling £50, defendant was ordered to pay costs amounting to £8 1s.

POST-WAR HOUSING

Better Design and Planning

THANET BUILDING SOCIETY MEETING

The valuable part which building societies might play in post-war reconstruction was referred to by Mr. E. Barber, who presided at the annual meeting of the members of the Isle of Thanet Building Society, held at the society's offices in Queen-street, Ramsgate, on Thursday.

Mr. Barber forecast an acute shortage of houses after the war but he foresaw greatly improved standards of construction compared with building which followed the last war, better site planning, more convenient internal planning, more labour-saving devices, and greater variety and beauty in design.

Mr. Barber, proposing the adoption of the directors' report and statement of accounts, said that in recent months the war situation had undergone a very definite change in favour of the United Nations, and they could now look forward with confidence to victory in Europe much earlier than they could have dreamed of when they met 12 months previously.

The accounts of the society for last year reflected this improvement in two important directions—increased payments by borrowers, including interest, and reduced withdrawals by depositors. These were two very good signs and they were responsible for the greatly improved liquid position which the accounts revealed.

The directors were pleased to be able to maintain the rate of interest to be distributed to shareholders for the year 1942 at 2½ per cent., and he believed this was the maximum rate paid by any society to-day. And it was 2½ per cent. net and free from any liability to Income Tax, being equivalent to 5 per cent. with tax at 10s. in the £.

Considerable Satisfaction.

"I think it must be the cause of considerable satisfaction among our members that in spite of the acute difficulties which we have had to face, the society has been able to pay 2½ per cent. tax free in each of the full war years, 1940, 1941, and 1942," said Mr. Barber.

The balance on profit and loss account was nearly £4,000 up on the 1941 figure —£66,938, as compared with £63,094—due chiefly to a substantial reduction in the cost of deposits and loans and to an increase in the amount of interest actually received on mortgage accounts. This improvement in the profit position had also enabled the directors to bring the reserve fund No. 2 up to £20,000 by an appropriation of £4,500 from the available surplus and still to carry forward the sum of £4,421 towards next year.

The cost of national taxation in 1942 was £34,300, as compared with £31,155 in the previous year—an increase of £3,145. They would be called upon to pay more again this year, hence the appropriation in the 1942 account of a further £2,500 to income tax reserve.

Due to the reduction in balances owing on mortgage accounts, the appropriation for war damage indemnities required only £6,000 in 1942, as compared with £6,500 in 1941.

Mortgages account (account 3) revealed that repayments of advances and interest amounted to £321,000, which was over £65,000 more than in 1941. Part of the increase was due to the return of some of their members to their homes and part to the increased number of redemptions brought about through sales by members.

This increase in mortgage receipts, coupled with the reduced withdrawals by depositors, had enabled the directors to deposit £50,000 in the Post Office on the special terms available to building societies; an investment which was very suitable to their requirements, and which, incidentally, helped the national war effort.

Loyal Staff.

The accounts before them testified in no uncertain way to the success with which the staff of the society had coped with the many difficulties and problems. Members and directors alike were very appreciative of their loyal service.

"If I do single out our secretary, Mr. Wetherill, I do so on account of the heavy burdens and high responsibilities he has had to face, which, as you can well imagine, have been no light matter in these difficult times; and I am sure you will agree that he is deserving of the highest praise," said the chairman.

After referring to the loss the society had sustained by the death of Mr. Samuel Nash, one of the directors, Mr. Barber said that during the last 12 months the country had, mercifully, been spared heavy air raids, except the senseless raids last year on some of those beautiful historic cities such as their beloved cathedral city of Canterbury. Thus opportunity had been provided for much of the damage, particularly that to house property, to be repaired. According to some figures which had recently been published, about 2½ million houses had been damaged by enemy action since raids began on this country, but of this total only a quarter of a million were completely destroyed or still remained uninhabitable. Some of the repairs had been temporary and others permanent, and he felt that the central Government, the local authorities and the builders were to be congratulated upon the speed with which essential housing had been restored to use again.

"I sincerely hope that the local authorities in this coastal belt will continually bear in mind the prospect of large numbers of people requiring holiday facilities when the war is over," said the chairman, "as in my opinion the more up-to-date we keep with repairs to property, including premises not occupied at present, the better we shall be situated for resuming our essential and only business of catering for holidaymakers.

Ready to Help.

"This war has brought about inevitable changes in outlook and policy with regard to both national and international issues, and we all of us trust and believe that out of the sufferings of war will arise a more just and equitable world. It is due to this urge for better conditions that the words 'planning and reconstruction' are to the fore just now, and the building societies are ready and anxious to play their part, so far as housing is concerned, in providing better homes for the people. After the last war, due to the acute housing shortage which immediately arose, and which called for a quick solution, a certain amount of inferior building was done, often by people with little real experience. It now seems certain that when house-building is again resumed we can look forward to greatly improved standards of construction, better site planning, more convenient internal planning, more labour-saving devices and greater variety and beauty in design. The building society movement, through its association, is conducting its own investigation into post-war requirements and planning, and it is also in close touch with the different Government departments and committees concerned with housing, freely placing its experience, knowledge, ideas and ideals at the service of these bodies for the benefit of the community.

"There will be an acute shortage of houses after this war, too, and the corporate efforts of all bodies will be needed in order that this shortage can be met with expedition, but the planning and research which is taking place now should help us to avoid the mistakes of the past. Building societies, including the Isle of Thanet, will have their own part to play in this better post-war England. I am confident that your society will make a contribution of which its members can be proud."

Mr. G. A. Rose seconded the adoption of the directors' report and this was carried.

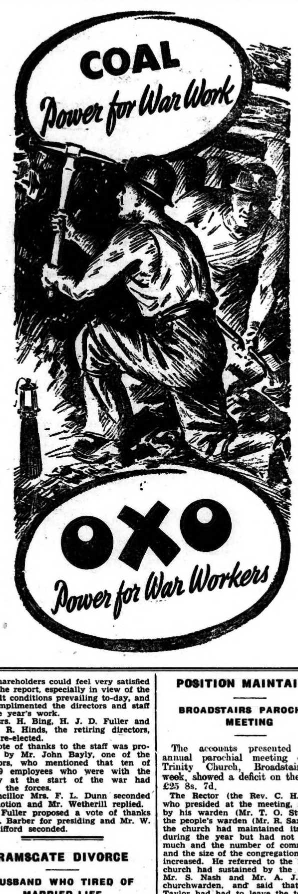
Mr. E. F. Owen said the depositors and shareholders could feel very satisfied with the report, especially in view of the difficult conditions prevailing to-day, and he complimented the directors and staff on the year's work.

Messrs. H. Bing, H. J. D. Fuller and H. G. R. Hinds, the retiring directors, were re-elected.

A vote of thanks to the staff was proposed by Mr. John Bayly, one of the directors, who mentioned that ten of the 19 employees who were with the society at the start of the war had joined the forces.

Councillor Mrs. F. L. Dunn seconded the motion and Mr. Wetherill replied.

Mr. Fuller proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Barber for presiding and Mr. W. W. Clifford seconded.



RAMSGATE DIVORCE

HUSBAND WHO TIRED OF MARRIED LIFE

In the Divorce Court last week the President heard the undefended petition of Mrs. Isabella Clarke, of Margate-road, Ramsgate, for a decree nisi. She alleged that she had been deserted by her husband, Alfred Charles James Clarke.

The marriage was in March, 1923, at Ramsgate, and the parties lived at Royal-road and West Cliff road, Ramsgate. Mrs. Clarke alleged that her husband only supported her intermittently. In 1933 there was trouble in reference to a woman and in 1934 he told her he had had enough of married life and he was going home to his mother. He left her and later wrote that he was quite happy in the life he was living and did not intend to change.

After evidence by Mrs. Sarah Ellen Smith, mother of the petitioner, a decree nisi was granted, with costs.

PILLAGE OR PRODUCTION?

Broadcasting to North America at the end of October, the Germans announced that the following week the 3,000th food train would arrive in Berlin from the Ukraine. That illustrates Goering's statement that whoever goes short of food in Europe, Germany will not. Plunder, pillage and iron control of farmers are the fruits of Hitler's "New Order" for Europe, including his ill-starred allies.

During the first two years of occupation 5½ million acres were taken away from farmers in western Poland—nearly three-quarters of all utilised land in that province. Nearly 600,000 Polish farm workers—mostly peasant owners—were reported last summer to be working on the land in Germany. Nazi authorities, ignorant of Polish conditions, decree what crops are to be grown and where. A Nazi paper declared in May, 1941, that the task of western Poland was to feed Germany.

Denmark, rich for looting, is having to go back to the corn growing of about 90 years ago instead of her highly developed and profitable dairying and bacon production. Her milk output for May, 1941, was one-third below that of May, 1940. Early in 1941, a Danish horse-breeding association reported that the best third of Denmark's horses had gone to Germany. From Norway the Nazis have so commandeered horses for the Russian front that those left are insufficient to cope with farm work now that tractor fuel is lacking. In some districts, to meet Nazi demands, Norwegian peasant farmers have had to surrender their seed potatoes intended for spring sowing.

Starving Greece, with the lowest bread ration in Europe, is dependent for existence on food brought in International Red Cross ships. This incident, told by an American writer, reveals why . . . "Wherever," he writes, "a patch (of potatoes) was large enough, parties of 40 or more Nazis set out for apparently a day's picnic. Singing, half the company dug the potatoes, while the other half peeled and boiled them. Then a field kitchen would appear to fry them in stolen fat and seal them in tins for shipment."

That in merest outline is what Hitler's "New Order" means to some of his victims. Mr. R. S. Hudson says that he believes that the spectre of famine, if not actual famine itself, will stalk over Europe for many years to come. What a contrast to our own experiences. Over six million extra acres have been put under the plough and last year, thanks to Providence, our farmers and farm workers, we had probably the greatest harvest in our history. The war has made British agriculture the most highly mechanised in the world and the output per farm worker has steadily risen. A controlled industry? Yes, like all others: controlled—not by a Gestapo but by farmers who know local conditions and their brother farmers. And its achievements have well merited the use of the term "Inspirational Farming." As Lord Woolton recently stated, but for agriculture's achievements we should already have lost the war.

POSITION MAINTAINED

BROADSTAIRS PAROCHIAL MEETING

The accounts presented at the annual parochial meeting of Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, last week, showed a deficit on the year of £25 8s. 7d.

The Rector (the Rev. C. H. Bailey), who presided at the meeting, supported by his warden (Mr. T. O. Studd) and the people's warden (Mr. R. Saxby), said the church had maintained its position during the year but had not advanced much and the number of communicants and the size of the congregations had not increased. He referred to the losses the church had sustained by the deaths of Mr. S. Nash and Mr. A. J. Holt, a churchwarden, and said that Mr. T. Taylor had had to leave the town.

There were now 40 boys at the day school, which had re-opened in January last year, with Mr. Studd, the headmaster, teaching entirely on his own.

Mr. Bailey said he was thankful that Mr. A. J. Nicholls had kept the choir going and there were now more choristers who were sometimes augmented by soldiers. Women had helped the choir tremendously. It was not possible to do any men's corporate work in these days but the Mothers' Union had been active.

He was grateful, continued the Rector, for two active and keen churchwardens, and mentioned that they could not be re-elected that night as, according to the law, they had to be elected during Easter week. Concluding, he thanked everyone who had helped during the past year, especially those who were away from the town. He was looking forward to another year and hoped they would make progress during it.

Mr. Studd, hon. secretary of the Parish Church Council, stated that the council had met four times during the past year, when attendances of members were extremely good. Various existing church accounts had been amalgamated into one central fund called the Churchwardens' Contingency Fund.

Giving the churchwardens' statement of accounts, Mr. Saxby, the hon. treasurer, said that income amounted to £346 13s. 6d. and expenditure to £372 2s. 1d., leaving a deficit of £25 8s. 7d. The collections amounted to £324 7s. 1d., compared with £266 the previous year. The main items of expenditure were salaries totalling £175 3s. and light, heat and power amounting to £79 11s. The sum of £29 11s. 9d. had been sent to missions, £8 more than the previous year.

The Rector said the tremendous increase in the cost of fuel was owing to the re-opening of the school and to the increase in the price of coke.

Mr. Studd presented the statement of accounts for the Free-Will Offering Scheme. He stated that there had been a balance of £110 9s. 1d. from the previous year and subscriptions amounted to £202 2s. 1d., making a total income of £312 11s. 2d. Expenditure amounted to £209 15s. 8d., leaving a balance of £102 15s. 6d. The result was satisfactory and he thanked the subscribers, especially those away from the town, who had been most generous.

The election of officers resulted as follows: representatives to ruri-decanal conference, Mr. Studd, Mr. P. Shelvey, Miss George and Mr. Reader; parochial church council, Mrs. Darby, Mrs. P. Johnson, Mrs. Reader, Miss Lawrence, Miss Wing, Miss Foord, Mr. F. G. Carey and Mr. Tattersall; sidesmen, Miss Lawrence and Messrs. Lee, Brown, Reside, J. T. May, Carey, March, Redman, Read, Good, H. Edwards, Tattersall and Capt. Johnson.

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MINISTRY OF FUEL AND POWER ANNOUNCEMENT

COAL SUPPLIES DURING JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH

AMENDMENT OF RESTRICTIONS FOR MARCH

To all Occupiers of premises controlled under the Fuel and Lighting Registration and Distribution Order, 1943 (except Hospitals and Schools)

1. **COAL** (other than those grades specified in 2, 3 and 4).
   Supplies to any controlled premises may not without licence from the Local Fuel Overseer exceed 15 cwt. during the three months, and no supplies may be acquired at any premises while the stock exceeds 10 cwt.
2. **COKE of sizes not exceeding 1in., Anthracite and Welsh dry steam coal of sizes not exceeding 1½in., and all manufactured fuels.**
   Supplies to any controlled premises of fuels in this group may not without licence exceed in all 1 ton during the month of March and no supplies may be acquired at any premises while the total stock of fuels exceeds 2 tons.
3. **COKE of sizes exceeding 1in., and Anthracite and Welsh dry steam coal of sizes exceeding 1½in.**
   Fuels in this group may be obtained without restriction during the month of March.
4. **COKE BREEZE, Anthracite Duff, Washery Slurry and Bituminous fines not exceeding one-eighth of an inch.**
   Fuels in this group are also exempt from restriction.

The object of the relaxations is to encourage the use of large coke and anthracite in substitution for house coal and to take advantage of the present favourable conditions to permit the resumption of stocking of all sizes of coke and anthracite against future requirements. Consumers who have difficulty in obtaining supplies of coke are requested to notify their Local Fuel Overseer immediately. They are reminded, however, that the necessity for the greatest possible economy in the actual consumption of all fuels remains paramount.

Except under a licence from the Local Fuel Overseer, it is an offence against the Defence Regulations to exceed the quantities specified in groups 1 and 2, or to acquire any of the fuels specified from anyone other than the licensed merchant or coke producer with whom the premises have been duly registered.

Consumers are reminded that the quantities specified in groups 1 and 2 are maximum quantities and not rations to which they are entitled. The quantity of any fuel that can be delivered to any premises will depend on the state of local supply, and is everywhere subject to priority being given to the needs of consumers without stocking facilities.

LOCAL FUEL OVERSEERS FOR THE ABOVE AREAS:

Ramsgate—	Margate, Westgate & Birchington—	Eastry and District—	Broadstairs and St. Peter's—
R. D. Brimmell, Clarendon House, Ramsgate.	P. T. Grove, Royal School, Victoria Road, Margate.	Fred A. Cloke, St. Albans Court, Nonington, Nr. Dover.	S. W. Richardson, 134 High Street, Broadstairs.

THE BEST IS YET TO BE

RAMSGATE'S OWN R.A.F. SQUADRON

FIRST V.C. OF THE AIR

The Wings for Victory Weeks campaign throughout the country is based upon air power in general and the Royal Air Force in particular.

Ramsgate has a special association with the R.A.F. through its own squadron, No 2 (Army Co-operation) Squadron, which was affiliated to the town in 1938, and we are now able to publish some details of the squadron's record and achievements.

A special place in history must be given to Squadron 2, for it is the oldest squadron in the Royal Air Force. It was formed on 13th May, 1912, and achieved early distinction by being the first to move from its parent depot as a complete unit when it flew to Montrose in Scotland. In 1913 it flew from Montrose to Limerick to take part in the Irish Command manœuvres, and was thus the first squadron to fly across the Irish Sea and serve in Ireland.

One of the original members of the squadron—Capt A. H. Longcroft—was awarded the Britannia trophy for the most meritorious flight of the year 1913, a non-stop run of 445 miles from Montrose to Farnborough by way of Portsmouth.

On the outbreak of the 1914—18 war the squadron flew to Dover, and on 15th August it crossed to France, where its duties were reconnaissance, artillery co-operation and bombing.

The first officer to be awarded the Victoria Cross for work in the air—2nd-Lt. W. B. Rhodes Moorhouse—was an officer of No. 2 Squadron. Another officer of No. 2 Squadron—2nd-Lt. A. A. Macleod—was awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous bravery when attacked by eight enemy triplanes and wounded five times.

No. 2 Squadron was disbanded at Weston-on-the-Green on 20th January, 1920, but was re-formed in Ireland in February of the same year. It was re-designated No. 2 (Army Co-operation) Squadron in May, 1924.

In April, 1927, the squadron went to Shanghai to supplement the Royal Air Force Unit in H.M.S. Hermes and to co-operate with the Shanghai Defence Force during the disturbances. It returned to England in October, 1927.

Fought in France.

In this war, too, No. 2 Squadron has played an important part. 1st April, 1940, found it at Abbeville, in France, preparing to aid the operations of the British Army on the Continent. By 9th May the tension had increased in the Low Countries, and the next day Abbeville aerodrome was bombed and badly cratered by the enemy. On the 11th "C" Flight of the squadron was re-equipped and prepared to move north into Belgium in support of the Third Army Corps.

The middle of May saw the removal of the main aerodrome from Abbeville to Bethune—an extremely difficult operation as the roads were congested with refugees travelling in the opposite direction.

Next day came the news of a German break-through the French line in the Laon region, and on the 20th the advance flight of the squadron took off for Lympne and landed at Berk-sur-Mer owing to insufficient daylight. By 21st May the squadron had returned to England and was operating over France the next day, when Flg.-Off. A. F. Dodge and his rear-gunner, L/A/C Webborn, destroyed two enemy aircraft.

Dropped Supplies on Calais.

On 27th May eight aircraft of the squadron took off to drop water, ammunition and supplies to the beleaguered garrison of British troops at Calais. The supplies were dropped on the Citadel, Calais, from a height of 50ft., only one container falling outside the target.

By the summer of 1941 the squadron was re-equipped with American fighter aircraft, and has since been on a few train-shooting expeditions in enemy territory and assisting military manœuvres and training in this country, being always in readiness for any and every emergency. They are ear-marked for important operations in the future, so with Browning we can say: "The best is yet to be."

The squadron has three D.F.Cs and two D.F.Ms to its credit in this war. Of the award to Lt. Eric Cowley Saville, South African Air Force, of No. 2 Squadron, the citation says: "This officer has shown outstanding leadership and courage in combat against the enemy. His conduct throughout has proved invaluable to younger and less experienced pilots, who have recently joined the squadron. Lt. Saville has destroyed five, probably destroyed two, and damaged three enemy aircraft." Later he was promoted to captain and received a bar to his D.F.C. for destroying another three enemy aircraft while on an interception patrol.

Ten to One Battle.

Another D.F.C. went to Capt. Hugh Errol Noel Wildsmith, South African Air Force, who displayed great skill during an engagement in October, 1942, while escorting a bomber force into enemy territory. "While over the target area," says the citation, "Capt. Wildsmith became separated from the formation and his aircraft was attacked by ten enemy fighters. He destroyed one of the attackers and frustrated the efforts of the others until he was able to rejoin his formation. He has destroyed at least three enemy aircraft."

To-day the squadron asks the people of Ramsgate for "Wings for Victory" to enter another—and, we hope, final—stage of the war. Its long and glorious history should prove an inspiration to those who can provide the wherewithal.

This squadron has won many decorations. Here is a list of them up to a recent date:

D.F.C.—F/O W. V. D. White, Flt.-Lt. E. C. Saville, Capt. H. E. N. Wildsmith (South African Air Force);

D.F.M.—Sgt. L. J. Hudson, L/A/C John Clark.

MARGATE

Death of "Joey."—The funeral took place at Margate Cemetery on Wednesday of Mr. Charles Adams, who died at his home, 26 Pleasant-place, Margate, the previous Sunday. Well-known to visitors and residents as "Joey," the little crippled newsvendor, who had a pitch at the entrance to Margate jetty, he was 37 years old and his mother died just a fortnight before him. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. B. Cowell (Vicar of Holy Trinity) and Adjt. Leedle (Salvation Army).

Black-out To-day 7.34 p.m.—6.42 a.m.

On Service

NEWS OF THANET MEN & WOMEN

Thanks to our old friend Cdr. R. S. Hewlett for a most interesting and entertaining East Cliff Scouts News Letter, which he has produced for the March quarter. As usual the magazine is made up of letters from Ramsgate members of the movement who are serving their country in various parts of the world.

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From North Africa L/Cpl. H. Miller writes to say that he is billeted in a school and finds its marble floors "not so good" for sleeping on. "But just now I could sleep on a bed of nails!" he adds. Speaking of the food which the Allies have sent to North Africa, L/Cpl. Miller says "The poor folk need it as they are severely rationed, for the Huns have stripped the country of all the food they could get. Clothing is very short and the poorer classes go about in rags."

Another letter which arrived after that showed that conditions had improved and he spent a wonderful time when invited to Christmas dinner at the home of a French gentleman. "It was indeed a treat to sit down at a civilised dinner table," he says, "and the sight of good silver and lovely china was most refreshing after tin plates and mess tins. It was a good meal with umpteen different wines and a good deal of ceremony, and the feast lasted from 1 p.m. till 4 o'clock . . .

"We have some French girls working in our office and their efforts at English idiom are a bit comic sometimes. When one lass said she was 'as well as a violin' it took me some time to connect it with 'as fit as a fiddle.' Incidentally, the presence of these charming ladies has done more to smarten up our company than all the exhortations of the sergeant-major!"

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Ldg.-Acm. Peter Morris is in a colder part of the world—in fact the temperature has been below freezing point ever since he arrived at his navigation school in Canada. "We have to be very careful of frostbite," he says. "One fellow had one of his instruments frozen to his hand, giving him a nasty wound when he pulled it away. The trouble is that the 'kites' are not heated and they are apt to get iced up inside. Unfortunately I have been in hospital, for while flying with the temperature at 40 below I managed to get my right hand frostbitten—with two pairs of gloves on, too. . . . We are right out in the wilds, the nearest town being Winnipeg, 150 miles to the east. I spent a week-end there some time ago. It is a great place and they have everything we have forgotten, including electric street signs, eggs and bananas. There are all sorts of fellows here—Canadians, English, Australians, New Zealanders and Norwegians, with a sprinkling from Bermuda, South America, etc."

You like to have news from your sons and daughters in the forces—so do we. We invite you to pass on their stories to us so that their friends may know how they are getting along.

Sig. N. Lewington, R.N., has been in the Mediterranean regions and he and his brother Ron were fortunate in being based together. From Alexandria, Sig. Lewington went to Port Said where, between duties, he played football and water polo. While at Massawa, the former Italian port for Eritrea, the crew of Sig. Lewington's ship were invited by the Army to Asmara, the capital, which stands 7,000ft. above sea level. "The ride up there was marvellous," he says, "travelling on a mountain road with a sheer drop of several hundred feet in places. The road was built by Italian engineers and they certainly made a good job of it. Asmara is like a toy town set amid huge mountains which seem to dwarf it to insignificance." From Massawa Sig. Lewington sailed to Malta, which he found "unchanged except for the scars left by the raids, but the people were as undaunted as ever."

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Arm. Q/M/S F. E. Denmee, in the Middle East, has recently been promoted to that rank. "How do you like our news now?" he asks Cdr. Hewlett. "As I have remarked before, an optimist can't be wrong all the time. I have seen plenty of evidence of Jerry's hasty retreat and it looked good. Incidentally, I cashed in on my optimism for the first time when we re-took Benghazi. When we were at Alamein I took a bet that we would be back at Benghazi by Christmas, so as well as being a darned sight happier, I was in pocket as well. . . We are now getting the best grub we have had since leaving blighty."

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Ldg.-Acm. M. S. Hewlett (Middle East) had an interesting trip down the Red Sea to fetch a new boat and is now in a pleasant little place—peaceful, with plenty of green foliage. "We have a nice airy bungalow," he says, "with high ceilings, large rooms and tiled floors, and we get excellent rations. To-night, for instance, we had roast mutton, baked and boiled potatoes, cauliflower and Yorkshire pudding, followed by stewed apples and rice. . . Life in the Middle East certainly has its compensations."

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Gnr. Maurice Leigh, R.A., somewhere in England, has finished his training and is now in a service unit "where they are trying to toughen us up."

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Among the members of the troop who are now prisoners of war is W. Playford, who writes from Germany to say that he is very fit. He goes out to a local town daily to teach French, which the Germans are apparently keen to learn.

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Pte. Charles Taylor, R.E.M.E., whose wife lives at the Ramsgate and St. Lawrence Dispensary, Broad-street, Ramsgate, finished seven days' leave on Monday. An old boy of Holy Trinity School, he is 26 years of age and until joining the R.A.O.C. 13 months ago, was employed by his father, Mr. S. H. Taylor, builder, of Dane Park-road. He later transferred to the R.E.M.E. and is now stationed in the Midlands. In December Pte. Taylor was married to Miss Constance Cowell, of Ramsgate.

Sgt.-Air-Gnr. Cyril Watford, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Watford, of the Chatham Arms, King-street, Ramsgate, has returned home from the Middle East with thrilling stories of his experiences in important raids carried out by the Royal Air Force.

Educated at St. George's Central School, Cyril will be 23 next month and until joining the service in August, 1940, was a clerk at the South Harrow branch of Barclay's Bank.

Cyril went to the Middle East last May as a member of the crew of a Liberator and has had some narrow shaves during operations. One night, for instance, while flying high over Tobruk his aircraft received more than its share of attention from the anti-aircraft guns and when it landed the crew counted no fewer than 360 holes made by the "flak." Cyril's gun turret was severely damaged.

Sgt. Watford's last operational flight out there was on the night of 14th December, when the R.A.F. raided Naples. "We bombed the harbour installations there," said Cyril, "and when we were 60 miles away on the return trip could still see the terrific fires burning on the mole and ammunition dump. The volcano Vesuvius was below us but its intense glow was no brighter than the fires we had started."

Cyril took part in the raid on the Italian Fleet at Taranto—that was his first big job—and he speaks highly of the part that the Wellingtons played in that operation. "I must give it out to those chaps," he says. "They did a fine job of work."

During an attack by Allied bombers on enemy shipping near Derna on the evening of 1st October, Cyril's aircraft was engaged by hostile planes which had a warm reception. The Liberator "bagged" a Messerschmitt 110 and a Junkers 88 was seen going down with smoke coming from its engines. "We get a big kick out of this," said Cyril when describing another action in which, during a night in November, they dumped many tons of bombs on the harbour installations and shipping at Tripoli and scored hits on the Spanish mole, Caramanli mole and the electric power base, causing large fires.

Cyril, who is engaged to Miss Billie Warren, of Walton-on-Thames, also spent a short time in Malta, assisting in bringing a big convoy through. "The R.A.F. received wonderful hospitality on the island," he says, "and the Maltese would do anything for us."

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Ramsgate Public Librarian, L/Cpl. B. C. Darbey, has arrived safely in the Middle East, where he is on service with the Intelligence Corps. In a cheery letter to his friend, Mr. Jim Wellard, L/Cpl. Darbey asks to be remembered to all his old friends at Ramsgate Cycling and Motoring Club.

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Serving in the Orkneys, Miss Joan Hopper, daughter of P/O W. J. Hopper, R.N., and Mrs. Hopper, of 20 Danesmead-terrace, Margate, has been promoted to third officer in the W.R.N.S. Twenty-five years of age, she entered the service two years ago and is an old girl of Clarendon House School, Ramsgate. As a member of Margate lifeboat crew, her father helped in the Dunkirk evacuation and he rejoined the Navy two years ago.

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L/Cpl. Ernest Holt, a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Holt, of 2 Carn Brea-cottages, Bath-road, Margate, is with the Royal Maritime Regiment, and has travelled over 70,000 miles on convoy vessels. He volunteered for this work after taking part in the Dunkirk evacuation while serving in the Royal Artillery. His brother James is a leading aircraftman in the R.A.F. in the Middle East and another brother, William, was discharged from Margate N.F.S. after losing an arm in an air raid. Mrs. Ivy Wood, a sister, has been working with the N.A.A.F.I. for about two years. Her husband, B/S/M Fred Wood, whose home is at Garlinge, has had 19 years' service in the R.A., 13 of which were spent in India. George Davies, another son-in-law, is a first class stoker in the Navy.

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Dvr. Harry Gore, R.A.S.C., son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Gore, of Prospect-road, Broadstairs, has been assisting in the building of a small church in North Africa. He was formerly a chorister at Broadstairs Parish Church and in a letter to the Rector (the Rev. C. H. Bailey) says "It is quite a little task digging up all the big stones one can find for the foundation. The site is very nice and it should look a picture when finished."

FUNERAL OF MISS L. J. TOWNEND

The funeral took place at St. Peter's on Wednesday of Miss Lettice Joan Townend, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clement H. Townend, of Belvedere-road, Broadstairs, whose death, at the early age of 29 years, was announced in our last issue.

The Vicar of Christ Church, Ramsgate (the Rev. P. M. Townend) officiated at the funeral and the mourners were Mr. C. H. Townend (father), Miss Pat Townend (sister), Mr. and Mrs. C. Gardner (uncle and aunt) and Miss Marjorie Townend (aunt).

Floral tributes were received from: Mummie and Daddy, Sister Pat, Mr. L. Bagshaw, Uncle Chris, Auntie Queenie and Jean, Aunties Maud, Marie, Sissie and Dorothy, Mr. and Mrs. Weir, Mr. and Mrs. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Springett, Mr. and Mrs. Vinten, Mr. and Mrs. Sizer, Mr. and Mrs. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Coombes, Mr. and Mrs. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bing, Frank and Ivy, Miss Daniels, Mr. D. Solly, Mr. and Mrs. Larkins and daughters, Mrs. Hall and daughter, Matron and all at Nuns' Acre and Cariad, Capt. Sir Beech Croft Towse, V.C., Matron and all at Long Meadow, Len's brothers and sisters, Freda and Mr. and Mrs. Regoire.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Whist Drives held every evening at Ramsgate Working Men's Club, Chatham-place, at 7 p.m., in aid of the Red Cross Fund. Admission 1s Good prizes.

The St. Lawrence G.F.S. invites all young people to a meeting in St. Lawrence Parish Hall on Wednesday, 17th March, at 7 p.m., when Mr. J. L. Wilcock from the M.O.I. will speak.

Good Friday Films.—Permission to give a cinematograph performance at the Odeon Cinema on Good Friday, 23rd April, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., was granted by Ramsgate magistrates on Monday.

Whist Drives every Thursday at 3 p.m., at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, in aid of Red Cross Fund and Mayor's Services Comforts Fund alternately. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

You cannot do better than take anything you have to sell to an old-established firm. Prosser and Newbery buy old gold jewellery, silver plate, glass, cutlery, etc. Licensed valuers. 47 and 48 Queen street, Ramsgate.

Savings.—National savings in Ramsgate for the week ended 6th March amounted to £2,898, comprising £1,897 deposited in the Post Office savings bank, £571 in savings certificates and £430 in defence bonds.

Aid Malta Flag Day.—Collectors are wanted for the "Aid to Malta" flag day which is being held in Ramsgate on Saturday. The Mayoress (Mrs. Kempe) is organising the effort in conjunction with the Silver Thimble Fund, and boxes may be obtained from Clarendon House on Friday and Saturday.

Left Light Burning.—Hurrying from her house to catch a bus on 5th March, Mrs. Elizabeth Bushell, of 146 Grange-road, Ramsgate, left an electric light burning in a front room. The room was blacked-out but a partition door was left open and Arthur Victor Andrews, of Claremont-gardens, St. Lawrence, later saw the light shining from the rear of the house. Mrs. Bushell was fined £1 for the offence at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

Target Reached.—Over £50 has been sent to the Red Cross and St. John Prisoners of War organisation as a result of whist drives held at Ramsgate Working Men's Club, Chatham-place. The club has now decided to increase its target to £100 but it will be difficult to attain unless new supporters are found. Drives are held every evening at 7.15 p.m. and also on Monday afternoons at 3 p.m. Drop in for one of the drives, for you are sure to want to come again.

Mother Fined.—The magistrates at Ramsgate juvenile court on Monday warned Ethel Darby, of Rodney-street, that if she did not send her daughter to school the child might be taken out of her care. The School Attendance Officer (Mr. J. Hackett) stated that an attendance order was made by the bench on 19th January but during the eight weeks ended 24th February the girl made only two attendances out of 76. "We are convinced you are not doing your best to send the child to school," said the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) in fining defendant 5s.

NEXT-OF-KIN

MAYOR OUT TO HELP

The Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) attended the monthly meeting of next-of-kin of prisoners of war at St. George's Parish Hall on Thursday, to correct a misunderstanding which had apparently arisen regarding the recent flag day to provide gifts for local prisoners.

Alderman Kempe said the object of the flag day was to provide a little something extra for the Ramsgate men in prison camps and it was not organised in opposition to what was being done by the Red Cross. It was a gesture to local men from their own town.

"When I knew a next-of-kin organisation was being formed in the town," he said, "I was only too anxious to support it as I know from experience how delighted the men are to receive parcels. If there is anything else we can do we must as we are all brothers and sisters working together for a good cause. We all want to pull together, not against each other, and I am glad of this opportunity to make the situation clear."

Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth, who presided, said that help had already been given to several next-of-kin with their parcels from the funds available in the association and anyone qualifying as next-of-kin could apply if they would like to augment what they are able to send.

Mrs. N. Lane was in charge of the social arrangements and entertainment was provided by Mrs. Parker, Miss Jean Willis and Mr. R. Windley.

It was decided to hold a monthly competition, the winner to receive a grant from the funds of the organisation for the benefit of a prisoner of war.

THIS ABOVE ALL

WAR LOVE STORY AT ODEON

The first major subject to receive the complete co-operation of the U.S. Forest Rangers Service, "The Forest Rangers" heads the bill at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow.

The film brings you the great forests of Montana, Oregon, Northern and Southern California in their vernal greens and browns, and in the red inferno of forest fire. The huge cast is headed by Fred MacMurray, Paulette Goddard, Susan Hayward, Lynne Overman, Eugene Pallette, Albert Dekker and Regis Toomey. Drama, action and romance are the chief ingredients of the film. Also being shown is "Thru Different Eyes," claimed as the year's most baffling murder mystery. Frank Craven and Mary Howard head the cast.

The film version of Eric Knight's great novel, "This Above All" is the chief feature for the latter part of the week. Telling the story of two young lovers caught in the turmoil of war, the film takes them through a great emotional crisis, which every man and woman is facing to-day, and brings them through to a decision which is fundamentally vital to the continuance of their happiness together. Tyrone Power, the screen's most romantic star, and Joan Fontaine have the principal parts. There will be a full supporting programme.

WINGS FOR VICTORY

MODEL AIRCRAFT COMPETITION

An exhibition to be held at Messrs. Littlewood's premises in High-street will again be the focal point of Ramsgate's big 1943 savings effort.

Wings for Victory Week in Ramsgate is being held from 8th to 15th May and the target is £125,000.

One of the features of the exhibition will be a model aircraft competition, for which entries are invited in three sections. The first section is for children under 16, the second for other people resident in Ramsgate, and the third for members of H.M. Forces.

Models must be made from designs supplied by Ramsgate Wings for Victory Week Committee and will be available at the Savings Centre, King-street, from next Monday.

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At The Palace

LT. DRAYSON RECEIVES HIS D.S.C.

Lt. R. Q. Drayson, R.N.V.R., attended a recent investiture at Buckingham Palace and received his recently-awarded D.S.C. from His Majesty the King.

Lt. Drayson, whose home is at Winterstoke-gardens, Ramsgate, received this honour for the part he played in the sinking of a heavily-convoyed ship in the Channel. In charge of a light naval craft, he showed conspicuous skill and determination in his attack on an important target.

Lt. Drayson was recently specially promoted to his present rank. He is the son of Mr. F. L. Drayson, the general manager of Vye and Son, the Kentish grocers.

SILVER WEDDING

MR. AND MRS. STAN PRETT

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Prett, popular steward and stewardess of Ramsgate Oddfellows' Club, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Sunday.

They were married at St. Thomas' Church, Finsbury Park, London, on 14th March, 1918.

Mr. Prett was born in Ramsgate and, after being educated at St. George's School, he worked under his father as a decorator. Joining the Church Lads' Brigade organised under the leadership of Sir Charles Warren and Mr. C. S. F. Witts (now lieutenant colonel commanding 6th (Thanet) Batt. Home Guard), he transferred in 1910 to the Kent Cyclists' Batt. and was under canvas when the last war broke out.

In September, 1914, Stan joined the South Eastern Mounted Field Ambulance and went to France and Belgium with the Q.Q.Q. draft as corporal attached to the 24th Div. A.S.P. He was invalided out of the forces in June, 1919, after over four and a half years' active service but in 1925 joined the 4th Batt. The Buffs as a Territorial, again under Lt.-Col. Witts. Until his service with The Buffs terminated in 1929, Stan was a solo drummer.

One of the first in Ramsgate to volunteer for the L.D.V. in this war, Mr. Prett again served under Lt.-Col. Witts, but to his regret was forced to resign when he took over his duties at the Oddfellows' Club.

Mrs. Prett was formerly Miss Kathleen Mary O'Brien, of Portlaw, Co. Waterford, Ireland, and after her marriage she was engaged in V.A.D. work at Sevenoaks. Later she worked as forewoman at a large box respirator factory in London.

BROADSTAIRS

Free-Will Offering.—The free-will offering scheme at Broadstairs Parish Church received the sum of £59 5s. 2d. during January.

Wings for Victory.—A target of £50,000 for the Wings for Victory Week has been fixed by Broadstairs Savings Committee. They have also agreed on the joint target of £300,000 for Thanet.

Savings.—During the week ended 6th March, Broadstairs and St. Peter's saved £1,528. The sum was made up of savings certificates £1,377, defence bonds £20 and deposits in the Post Office savings bank £131.

Comrades' Whist.—At the weekly whist drive held by the Broadstairs branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association at the Clarendon Hotel, prizes were presented by Mrs. Baker to Mr. H. V. Thirkettle, Mr. H. K. Pallant, Pte. Lee, Mrs. Whitehead, Miss Blackmore, Miss Philpot, Mrs. Samson and Mr. Joy.

MINSTER.

Football.—Minster Flight of the Air Training Corps visited Westgate last week, when they defeated the Westgate branch of the Health and Strength League by five goals to one. All Minster's goals were scored by Cdt. R. Hammond.

Funeral of Mr. W. J. Revell.—The funeral took place at Minster Cemetery on Thursday of Mr. William John Revell, of 1 Stone-villas, Monkton-road, Minster, who passed away at the age of 69 years. Mr. Revell, who had lived in Minster all his life, was formerly employed by a builder. He was a member of the Minster Lodge of Oddfellows. Mr. Revell leaves a widow, one son and two daughters.

Mr. G. R. Elcome.—A former resident of Minster, Mr. George Richard Elcome passed away at Tunbridge Wells recently at the age of 80 years. For a number of years Mr. Elcome carried on business as a greengrocer at Margate. When he retired 40 years ago he went to live at Minster for 12 years before going to Tunbridge Wells. The funeral at Minster Cemetery on Wednesday was conducted by the Vicar (Canon A. W. MacMichael).

MARGATE'S SAVINGS

National savings in Margate for February amounted to £16,922, compared with £9,119 for the corresponding month last year.

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BIRTHS

Harrison.—8th March, at Little Chalfont, to Ivy (née Parker), wife of F. C. Harrison, a daughter.

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between Stephen Eugene Keane, P.O., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Keane, Keane's Drug Store, Kilkenny, and Maud Kathleen, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Allen, 13 Dane-road, Ramsgate.

DIAMOND WEDDING

Wiggett—Ballard.—11th March, 1883, at the Parish Church of St. Martin's, Kentish Town, Thomas John Wiggett to Alice Maud Mary Ballard, both of London. Temporary address: Brooke, Clements-road, Chorley Wood, Herts.

DEATHS

Adams.—7th March, at 26 Pleasant-place, Margate, Charles Adams, aged 37 years.

Butler.—5th March, at Canterbury House, Sowell-street, Broadstairs, Frederick Edward Butler, aged 60 years.

Harman.—6th March, at Madras House, Lower Northdown-road, Margate, Elizabeth Ellen Harman, aged 77 years.

Hubbell.—8th March, Elsie May Hubbell, of Rosebery Farm, Margate-road, Ramsgate, aged 49 years.

Spratling.—7th March, at Margate General Hospital, Charles Edward Spratling, of 51 Thanet-road, Margate.

Setterfield.—6th March, Robert Setterfield, of Sudbury, Carlton-avenue, Ramsgate, aged 81 years.

Tissington.—11th March, at 39 Chapel-road, St. Lawrence, Ramsgate, John Tissington, aged 55 years.

RETURN THANKS

Mr. Harry Hubbell and family desire to thank those who sent expressions of sympathy and floral tributes, and Mr. Maskell for kind attention and courtesy.—Rosebery Farm, Northwood, Ramsgate.

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